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RAILROAD PLANTS TRY NEW EQUIPMENT;  
TBILISI FACTORY 1948 PLAN INCOMPLETE

RIGA PLANT INSTALLS NEW PRESS -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 114, 17 May 49

The Riga Railroad Car Plant is installing a 1,500-ton hydraulic press for cold and hot stamping of parts from sheet steel.

RIGA PLANT MAKES TRAIN SECTIONS -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 119, 22 May 49

The Riga Railroad Car plant recently sent a few train sections for electrified railroads to Leningrad. At the same time several streetcars were sent to the Urals and Nizhny Tagil. A consignment of railroad cars is being prepared for shipment to Tbilisi.

NEW TRACK-TESTING CAR DEFICIENT -- Gudok, No 65, 1 Jun 49

The new track-testing car being produced by the Konotop Track-Repair-Machinery Plant has been found much inferior to the old Dolgov model. A model of the car delivered to the Topki Railroad line was found to lack wrenches, screw-drivers, chisels, hammers, and shades for the recording tape and recording mechanism. In addition, the rollers are placed on friction bearings instead of ball bearings, which makes the car hard to pull.

TBILISI PLANT BELOW 1948 GOALS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 8, 11 Jan 49

The Tbilisi Locomotive and Railroad Car Plant failed to meet its production program for 1948, completing only 91.5 percent of its gross-production plan and 99 percent of its quantity of production plan. The plant failed to deliver 19 locomotives and 21 passenger cars.

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**SVERDLOVSK PLANT SPEEDS TURNOVER** -- Gudok, No 64, 29 May 49

During the first quarter 1949 the Ural Railroad-Car-Building Plant (director, S. Skachkov) in Sverdlovsk accelerated the turnover of working capital 8.3 days. By the end of April it had reached the 1950 level of production for output of railroad cars and gondola cars.

**PLANT BUILDS NEW MODEL LOCOMOTIVE** -- Zarya Vostoka, No 94, 15 May 49

The "Krasnoye Sormovo" Plant imeni Zhdanov has built a new experimental passenger locomotive, Model SUR. This locomotive is a considerable improvement over the SU locomotive, at present regularly built by this plant. A mechanical stoker has been installed in the new model.

**CHITA REPAIR PLANT TOPS APRIL PLAN** -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 85, 1 May 49

The Chita Locomotive and Railroad Car Repair Plant fulfilled the April gross-production plan 108 percent.

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